Farm Topics

New Chemical Curbs Many Fruit Pests

Tests Show Fungicide Effective in Orchard

Characterized as effective against a wide range of fruit pests and diseases, a new dinitro fungicide and insecticide for orchard use now is available commercially under the trade name of DN-289. It is a stable, clear solution containing eight ounces actual dinitro-secbutylphenol in each quart and is readily miscible with water.

DN-289 has proved effective as an insecticide for use in the dormant period against a variety of insects such as rosy apple aphid, currant aphid, black cherry aphid, mealy plum aphid and viburnum aphid, eye-spotted bud moth, cherry case-bearer, pear psylla and oyster shell scale on apple and lilac. Promising results also have been shown in control of San Jose scale, scurfy scale and the eggs of the European red mite.

As a fungicide, DN-289 has been used successfully for control of sooty blotch on pears.

Amount of the compound required to attain good control ranges from

Photo shows an apple protected by DN-289 (left) and cluster attacked by rosy apple aphid.

one quart to two quarts in 100 gallons of water. Aphids are controlled with one quart while two quarts are needed to kill bud moths, case-bearer and the pear psylla. Heavier concentrations may be needed to control oyster shell scale.

Research workers are conducting extensive tests to find other insects and diseases that may be controlled with the chemical, which was developed by the Bow Chemical company.

Packaging of Poultry Is New Development

Farmers of tomorrow must be poultry merchandisers as well as producers if they are to compete successfully with the new "broiler factories." Progressive poultry raisers must keep attuned to the times if they are to meet the challenge of new developments in the industry.

Within a short time the consumer will have a wide range of selection for poultry and meat products. This will necessitate better merchandising on the part of the individual poultryman.

One of the principal means of meeting this challenge is for the poultry raiser to start selling chickens under brand names in an effort to promote his product for the time when consumers again will be "choosy."

To accomplish this, good packaging is essential. Modern transparent

Good packaging, as demonstrated by this cellophane-wrapped chicken, is good advertising.

packaging of ready-to-eat poultry will increase sales and profits.

Tests conducted with the same grade of poultry, half being sealed in flexible packages, the others without covering, proved that demand for the packaged birds was one to three times as large as for the unwrapped ones.

For packaging, cellophane, transparent regenerated cellulose film or a rubber hydrochloride film are available. They are moisture-proof, airproof, strong, flexible and resistant to liquid and grease.

Pullets Termed Better Layers Than Old Hens

Further evidence of the importance of keeping only pullets for layers and selling all old hens is contained in tests conducted at western Kentucky substation.

Average results over 11 years show that annual production of Barred Rock pullets was four dozen eggs per bird greater than that of hens. In the case of White Leghorns, pullets laid three dozen eggs per bird more than old hens.

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Bigger Fowl Contest Extended for Year

Poultry Raisers Seek Heavier Farm Flocks

Bigger and better drumsticks for "Junior" are sought in the national Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest, which will be extended through 1948. The decision to continue the event was made in response to demand from poultry raisers from coast-to-coast.

Unlike popular reducing fads among the hen's human counterparts, this barnyard project is designed to add weight to the farm flocks and to give American chicken

A day-old chick perches on a model of the Chicken-of-Tomorrow, the objective in a nationwide contest extended through 1948.

eaters more for their money. Poultrymen from all parts of the country are joining in the hunt for a breeding formula which will add at least 10 per cent more meat to the present-day chicken. A higher percentage of meat on the bone structure and even meatier wings are sought, thus assuring "Junior" that no longer will only a skimpy appendage be left as his lot when the dinner platter arrives at his lowly place.

The industry-wide educational breeding contest originally was set up on a three-year basis, with two years of state and regional contests culminating in a grand national championship this spring in Delaware. Forty top breeders throughout the nation will send eggs to the finals, where they will be hatched and raised under identical conditions under supervision of the department of agriculture. Winners will receive $7,000 in prizes awarded by A & P stores, sponsors of the contest.

Expensive Alarm

Why keep a rooster when an alarm clock is cheaper?

That question is posed by Boyd A. Ivory, Wyoming agricultural extension service poultry specialist. A rooster, Ivory points out, eats about $5 worth of feed a year at current prices. All you get in return, he insists, is a lot of crowing—accompanied by NO eggs!

A rooster is worthless in a poultry flock unless he is being used for breeding purposes in supplying fertile eggs for hatcheries or home incubation.

Hens won't lay any more eggs than they are laying just because a rooster is on the premises, so why not sell that "crowing so-and-so"?

Trade him for a $1.93 alarm clock that tells the time of day for the entire 24 hours and you'll save about $3 in feed costs on the swap!

Quality Chicks Needed To Offset Feed Costs

One method through which poultrymen can combat the present high cost of feed is to purchase good quality chicks. Feed costs, records compiled by the extension service indicate, now amount to 60 per cent or more of the total costs of producing eggs and chicken meat in contrast to 50 per cent in normal times.

Tree 'Butchery' Blamed On Untrained Pruners

It often takes 50 to 75 years to raise a good shade tree. But, extension foresters insist, it takes only a few minutes for an untrained pruner to ruin its beauty. Poor trimming technique is destroying the beauty of many streets.

Examples of good pruning are seen on most public building grounds. On the other hand, on almost any street examples of tree "butchery" can be seen.

MUTT AND JEFF
By Bud Fisher
JEFF, I'M WORRIED! WORRY IS GETTIN' ME DOWN!
AW- IT'S SILLY TO WORRY MUTT!
I WANT YOU TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR ME! YOU BE MY OFFICIAL WORRIER! WHEN WORRIES POP UP YOU TAKE CARE OF 'EM FOR ME!
SURE!
MUTT, YOU OWE ME SIX BUCKS!
JEFF TAKE CARE OF THAT WORRY!
LISTEN, YOU! I WANT THAT DOUGH NOW!
JEFF!
DON'T WORRY MUTT! I'M WORRYIN' FOR YA!
DON'T WORRY, MUTT! I'LL TAKE AN ASPIRIN FOR YOU!
OH, HAVE I GOT A HEADACHE!
LITTLE REGGIE
By Margarita
HALL OF DINOSAURS
EEK!
JITTER
By Arthur Pointer
TWO RED HOTS NO MUSTARD!
KEEP THE CITY CLEAN
WELL, I PUT TWO OUT THERE!
I ORDERED TWO!
KEEP WEEDS GROWING
KEEP WEEDS GROWING
KEEP THE CITY CLEAN
YOU DIDN'T!
I DID!
LIAR!
YOU DIDN'T!
I DID!
THIEF!
NANCY
By Ernie Bushmiller
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHEN I'M UP TO SOMETHING, AUNT FRITZI?
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Vera

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Miss Sallie Lou Chernault, of Appomattox spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Blackwell.

Mrs. Clem O'Brien, Mrs. Tom Robertson and Mrs. R. H. Coleman and Mrs. Turnes were guests of Mrs. J. J. Chernault Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs .R. A. Chernault and son, Gene spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault were guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Harold Hatcher is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter were guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey.

Truman board will study meat dispute.

Colored Dots

(Omitted last issue)

The Appomattox County Teachers' Association held their regular meeting recently. The following activities were planned: field day, musical festival, and an Appreciation service for its old patrons. Committees were appointed to carry out these activities.

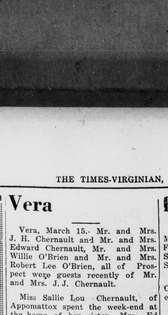
The Mount Airy Five will give a musical program at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the Third Sunday night in March at 7:30 P. M. The public is asked to keep this date in mind.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall were recent week-end guests of deacon and Mrs. A. W. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flood are spending some tim in Baltimore, as guests of their children.

Miss Madden recently spent the week-end in Washington.

Uncle Sam Says



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Hixburg

Hixburg, March 15.- Mrs. H. M. Marshall spent Friday night in Farmville with Mrs. E. W. Gilliam. She had an appointment with Dr. Sydnor.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hix, C. B. Carson and W. E. Carson were callers Sunday at "Scotland."

Miss Gertrude Sears, of Richlond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sears.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler, Mrs B. G. Grinstead and Mrs. J. R. Marshall called in the homes of E. P. and E. M. Sears Friday P. M.

Miss Mag Hix spent Friday with Mrs. J. R. Marshall.

The Rev. J. S. Moore preached a fine sermon at Mathews Baptist Church Sunday morning. He, with Mrs. Moore and Mrs. C. B. Carson and John were dinner guests at Walnut Shade Sunday.

Frank Gilliam, of Roanoke, and Miss Marguerite Gilliam, of Appomattox were callers there in the P. M.

Rev. Moore will hold Easter services at this church the fourth Sunday, March 28th, at 7:00 P. M. All are invited. He will conduct sunrise services on the college campus at Farmville on Easter morning, for the young people.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler left for her home in Crewe, after spending several days in the home of J. R. Marshall.

The neighborhood was saddened by the news of the death of Mrs. Herman Sears, in High Point, N. C. Herman was raised in this neighborhood. His brother, E. P. Sears, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sears, attended services in N. C., Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sears, of Lynchburg, also attended.

We are sorry to hear of Herman's illness. He is in a hospital in North Carolina, and will have to be there several weeks longer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sears and Miss Gertrude Sears called in the home of R. D. Sears Sunday P. M.

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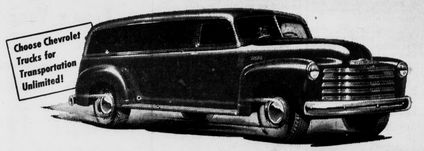

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